GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3041
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MSP FOR BAJRA AND COARSE GRAINS
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have not announced Minimum Support Price (MSP) for bajra and coarse grains in Rajasthan;

(b) whether this would benefit the middlemen in procurement of bajra and coarse grains in Rajasthan and adversely effect the poor farmers; and

(c) if so, remedial measures taken / proposed to be taken by the Union Government to protect the interest of the farming community?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): The Union Government has already fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Bajra and coarse grains for the Kharif Marketing Season 2001-02 @ Rs.485/- per quintal.

(b)&(c): Do not arise in view of above.